

Topic 3

History of Germany

Lesson 1

What are some historic sites in Germany?

Lesson Objective

The student will describe major geographic, historic and recreational sites in both the United States and Germany.

Materials and Resources

- Worksheet 12 “Town Names and German History”
- Transparency 20 “The Federal States”: City Overlay
- Transparency 10 “The Federal States” (see Topic 1, Lesson 3)

Strategies

Distribute copies of **Worksheet 12 “Town Names and German History”**. Using **Transparency 20 “The Federal States”: City Overlay**, ask students to complete the worksheet, finding examples of each type of city name identified in it. Then, to discuss the relevance of this activity, place students in groups of four and hand out maps of your state. Ask each group to identify cities and towns in their own state which developed as a result of favorable geographic, cultural or political conditions.

Ask the student pairs to identify the following places in **Transparency 10, “The Federal States”**: Munich Olympic Stadium, fishing village at the North

Sea, Cologne Cathedral, Rhine River castle and Black Forest using **Teacher Resource 3 “The Federal States”**. Have each group construct a map (or collage) that shows similar types of sites and attractions in the United States. For example, students could draw or paste a picture of a fishing village near the Outer Banks of North Carolina to match that found in the Baltic Sea, or draw or paste a picture of the Redwood Forest to match the Black Forest region. They could also draw in at its appropriate location the Los Angeles Olympic Stadium to match that in Munich, or locate a picture of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. as a match for the Cologne Cathedral.